

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 2-6, 8-13, 15-17, 19-22, 24-29, 31, 33-34, 36, 39-40, 45-49, and 52-56 are currently pending in this application. Claims 1, 7, 14, 18, 23, 30, 32, 35, 37-38, 41-44, and 50-51 have been canceled. Claims 2-5, 8, 15, 19, 24, 31, and 33 have been amended.

Allowable Claims

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 36, 39-40, 45-49, and 52-55 are allowed. In view of the preceding claim amendments, all remaining claims now depend from an allowable claim. Therefore, all of the currently pending claims are now allowable, and Applicants respectfully request that a notice of allowance be issued.

CONCLUSION

Consideration of the foregoing amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the application, and withdrawal of the rejections and objections is respectfully requested by Applicants. No new matter is introduced by way of the amendment. It is believed that each ground of rejection raised in the Final Office Action dated October 28, 2004 has been fully addressed. If any fee is due as a result of the filing of this paper, please appropriately charge such fee to Deposit Account Number 50-1515 of Conley Rose, P.C., Texas. If a petition for extension of time is necessary in order for this paper to be deemed timely filed, please consider this a petition therefore.

If a telephone conference would facilitate the resolution of any issue or expedite the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the telephone number given below.

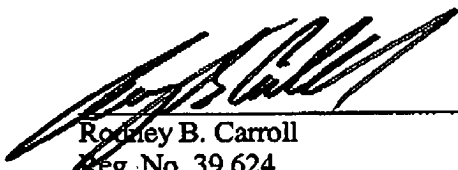
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